

Navigating Google Earth on your Computer

To view and use the navigation controls, move the cursor over right corner of the 3D viewer. After you start Google Earth and move the cursor over this area, the navigation controls fade from sight when you move the cursor elsewhere. To view these controls again, simply move the cursor over the right corner of the 3D viewer.

[Note - If the navigation controls do not appear when you move the cursor over the right corner of the 3D viewer, click View > Show Navigation > Automatically and try again.]



To hide or show the compass icon in the 3D viewer, click View > Compass. See also Showing or Hiding Items in the 3D Viewer.

The Google Earth navigation controls offer the same type of navigation action that you can achieve with mouse navigation. In addition, you can use the controls to zoom and swoop (perhaps for a perspective on terrain) or to rotate your view. The following diagram shows the controls and explains their functions.

- 1 Click the north-up button to reset the view so that north is at the top of the screen. Click and drag the ring to rotate your view.
- 2 Use the Look joystick to look around from a single vantage point, as if you were turning your head. Click an arrow to look in that direction or continue to press down on the mouse button to change your view. After clicking an arrow, move the mouse around on the joystick to change the direction of motion.
- 3 Use the Move joystick to move your position from one place to another. Click an arrow to look in that direction or continue to press down on the mouse button to change your view. After clicking an arrow, move the mouse around on the joystick to change the direction of motion.
- 4 Use the zoom slider to zoom in or out (+ to zoom in, - to zoom out) or click the icons at the end of the slider. As you move closer to the ground, Google Earth swoops (tilts) to change your viewing angle to be parallel to the Earth's surface. You can turn off this automatic tilt (Tools > Options > Navigation > Navigation controls; Mac: Google Earth > Preferences > Navigation > Navigation controls).

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You can navigate through this 3D view of the globe in several ways:

Pan	Place one finger on the screen and drag it in the appropriate direction. You can also throw the view by flicking the screen quickly.	
Zoom in	Place two fingers on the screen simultaneously and move them apart OR double tap the screen with one finger.	
Zoom out	Place two fingers on the screen simultaneously and move them together (pinch) OR double tap the screen with two fingers aneously.	
Rotate	Place two fingers on the screen and turn in the appropriate direction.	
Look around	Place two fingers together on the screen simultaneously and move them in any direction.	
Tilt	Place two fingers together on the screen simultaneously and move them down. You can also tilt automatically.	
Reset to north-up view		The compass shows your current heading.
Go to your location		Google Earth follows your location until you navigate or touch the location icon again.